syllabi/textbooks are based on a comprehensive understanding of the pupil's psyche, the learning process and conditions and methods of learning. The stress given in the Framework on a child-centred approach to education, on the role of the teacher as facilitator, on replacement of role leaning, lectures and information by interactive modes of teaching which focus on 'learning' and stimulate curiosity; are designed to make the study of subjects interesting and easy to grasp.

The tendency on the part of some schools, particularly those in urban areas, to recommend a large number of books, has contributed to overburdening of students. This tendency was sought to be curbed by issuing instructions from the Ministry of Human Resource Development in October, 1989 to the Education Secretaries of all States and Union Territories to ask the schools not to prescribe more books than which are actually required and to ensure that children carry only those textbooks/exercise books which are actually required on a particular day.

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Urban Development Projects of Uttar Pradesh

*452 SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether some Urban Development Projects of Uttar Pradesh are pending with the Union Government for clearance;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which these are likely to be cleared ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Civic Amenities in Jhuggi Jhompari Colonies of Delhi

*453. SHRI RAM BADAN :

SHRI TARA CHAND KHANDELWAL :

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of houses in various Jhuggi Jhompari colonies in Delhi and total population residing there:

(b) the number of such colonies where there is no arrangement for electricity, water and sanitation; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to raise the living standard of the people residing in such colonies ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL) : (a) The position regarding the Jhuggi Jhompari (JJ) clusters and the population residing therein is reported to be as follows :

(i) Total estimated jhuggi clusters in Delhi—929.

(ii) Total number of jhuggi families in Delhi—2.60 lakhs.

(iii) The estimated population in these jhuggis—13 lakhs.

(b) and (c) The scheme of Environmental Improvement of JJ clusters has been in operation since the Seventh Plan. The scheme aims at providing minimum basic civic amenities of drinking water, Pay and Use public